IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

For: PREPARATION OF CELLS FOR PRODUCTION OF BIOLOGICALS)) <u>VIA EFS-WEB</u>
Filing Date: September 18, 2000))Confirmation No. 8325
Application No.: 09/582,342)) Examiner: A. Ford
Rudi BRANDS) Group Art Unit: 1653
in re Application of:) \

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

In response to the final Office Action dated November 29, 2011, Applicant files this Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 ("Amendment") with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") to reopen prosecution of this application. This Amendment satisfies the requirement for a "Submission" to accompany a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed herewith. In addition, a petition for a three-month extension of time is submitted herewith, extending the due date for response to May 29, 2012. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment section of this paper.